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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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WAIVING OF ACCESS CHARGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cellular operators have been demanding waiving of access charges of Rs. 1.20 per three minutes or the same charges should be levied on WLL services also; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUI MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b): Sir, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is responsible for fixation of tariffs for Telecom Services in the Country. As per information furnished by TRAI, Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) on behalf of he Cellular Operators, had made a representation to TRAI on the issue of access charges paid by them to Basic Service Operators at the rate of Rs. 1.20 per three minutes. After taking into account the views of all the stakeholders including COAI, TRAI has issued interconnection Usage Regulation dated 24.1.2003 which addresses the issue